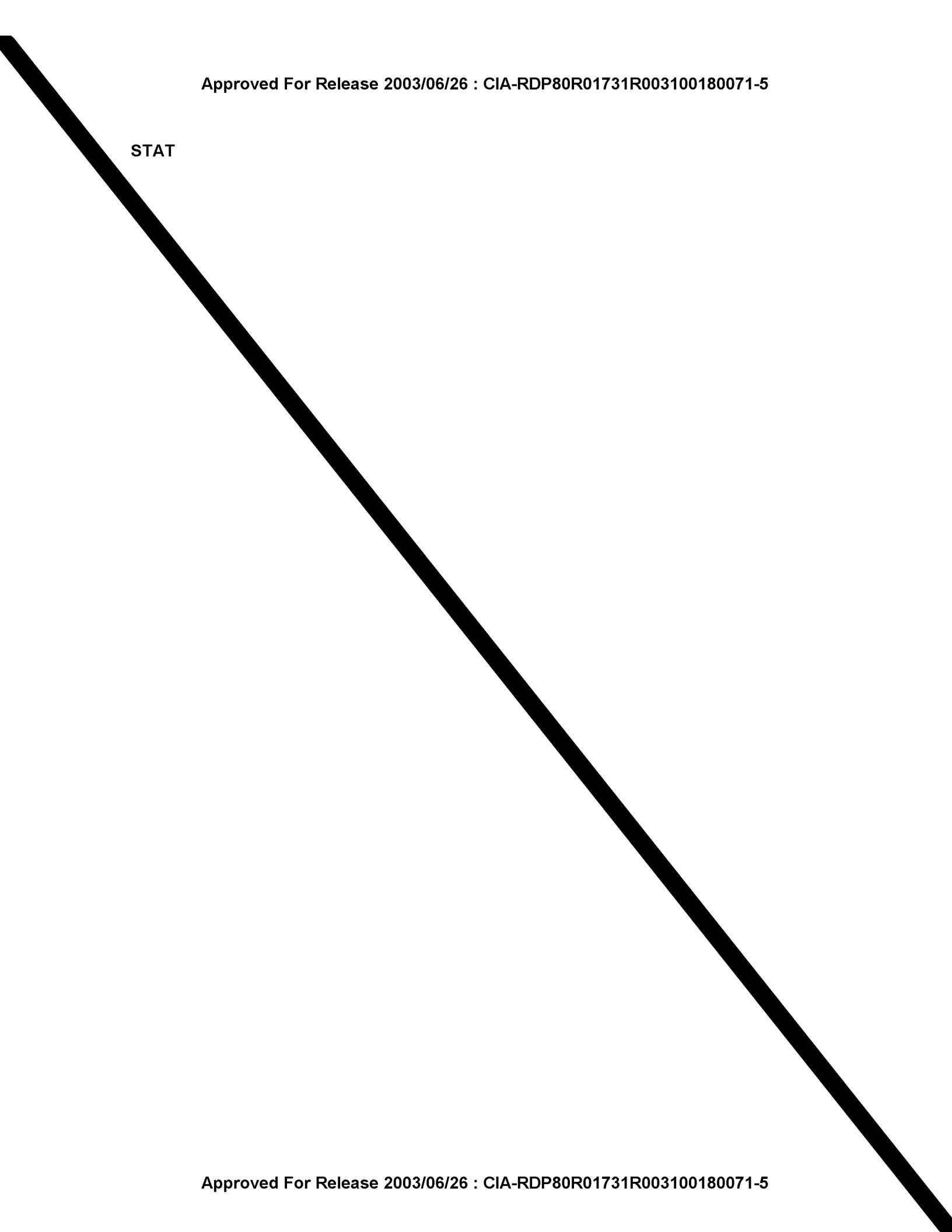


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In accordance with your request, the first paragraph of this letter was sent to Personnel to be included in the subject's file.

A check with Registry shows that no reply to this letter ever went out to subject ~~by~~ DCI.

from

STAT [redacted] was asked whether he thought the Director would like to reply to this letter and he suggested that a letter be prepared for DCI's signature, stating, if possible, whether or not we would like to use subject or at least an interim reply to the effect that we are seeing if we can use him.

4/18/57

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[redacted] is having

*Some one call on [redacted]
either from [redacted]
a - Personnel*

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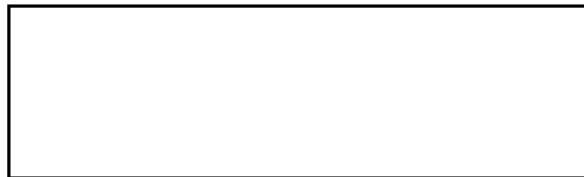
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STAT *Therefore letter from DCI to [redacted] appears for the moment
unnecessary.*

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19 March 1951

Lt. General Walter B. Smith
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

STA

My dear General:

Shortly after the outbreak of the Korean situation, General Gruenther, now with General Eisenhower, informed me that I was made available to the Central Intelligence Agency for duty and some correspondence with the Agency ensued. This morning I received a letter from General Boling, in answer to my inquiry, and in the letter he stated that he thought my services might be utilized by the Security Agency. I am presuming that he is referring to the Central Intelligence Agency. I hope that I am not imposing unduly by asking you if there is anything to the suggestions made by General Boling and my friend, Al Gruenther.



Via the grapevine I have heard that you have not been too well lately. The newspapers even carried items that you hoped to complete the reorganization of the Agency and then retire.

Have you ever given any thought to Colorado as an ideal spot for both hunting and fishing? I know that you are fond of both and, having lived in Colorado for two years, I know that the climate is very invigorating. Also, ranches can be bought very reasonably, chiefly in areas of good hunting and good fishing. You may have gotten a bit of the invigorating effect of the climate the short time you were there in 1949.

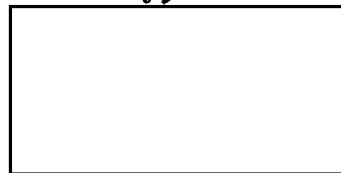
I hope that you have recovered completely and can enjoy fully your retirement. In my book you have earned it. Thank you for your kind consideration.



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With kindest regards to your family,

Sincerely,



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